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SUBJECT: TYPHOON MODIFICATION EXPERIMENT

1. ARTICLES IN LOCAL PRESS, BOTH CHINESE AND ENGLISH, DISCUSS QUOTE: A PROJECTED PHILIPPINE-AMERICAN EXPERIMENT WITH ALTERING THE FORCE AND COURSE OF TYPHOONS IN THE WESTERN PACIFIC, UNQUOTE, AND STATE THAT THE TWO COUNTRIES HAVE DECIDED TO START A JOINT STUDY NEXT YEAR BECAUSE THE WEATHERCONDITION IN THE PHILIPPINES IS IDEAL FOR THE EXPERIMENT. CONTEXT MAKES IT CLEAR THAT THIS IS NOT STORMFURY.

2. ON MAKING LOCAL INQUIRY, EMBOFF WAS INFORMED THAT INFORMATION ON THE PLANS HAD COME FROM THE PHILIPPINE WEATHER BUREAU ON A PROFESSIONAL INTERCHANGE OF INFORMATION BASIS, AND THAT THIS IS A PHILIPPINE, NOT REPEAT NOT JOINT PROJECT. STORM CLOUD SEEDING WILL BE DONE BY PHILIPPINE AIR FORCE PLANES. THERE IS SOME LOCAL CONCERN THAT PLANNED SAFETY LIMITS ARE NOT ADEQUATE TO PROTECT TAIWAN.

3. IN COURSE OF DISCUSSIONS, IT WAS REITERATED THAT ROC IS STILL OFFERING FULL COOPERATION IN STORMFURY WHEN IT GETS UNDERWAY.

4. WOULD APPRECIATE CONFIRMATION AND ANY FURTHER
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